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Office Action Summary

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John C. Hong

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims s 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 19, line 1, "the member" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 20, line 1, "the member" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 12,14,15,16,17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mattesky, (U.S. 2002/0113183).

Mattesky discloses : Regarding Claim 12, a method comprising: inserting a pegboard hook (16) Into a pegboard (11): wherein the pegboard hook comprises a straight portion (Fig. 3, **top portion**); an angled portion connected to the straight portion; and wherein the angled portion is connected at about a one hundred and twenty degree angle with respect to the straight portion (Fig. 3); Regarding Claim 14, the straight portion is connected to an elongated member (14) which is substantially parallel to the straight portion; Regarding Claim 15, the straight portion

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is connected to an extension (14) having a first portion and a second portion (Fig. 3) ; and

Regarding Claim 16, the straight portion is connected to an extension (14) having a first portion and a second portion; and wherein the first portion of the extension is at an angle with respect to the second portion of the extension (Fig. 3); and Regarding Claim 17, the straight portion is connected to an extension (14) having a first portion and a second portion; and wherein the first portion of the extension is at an angle with respect to the second portion of the extension (Fig. 3).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

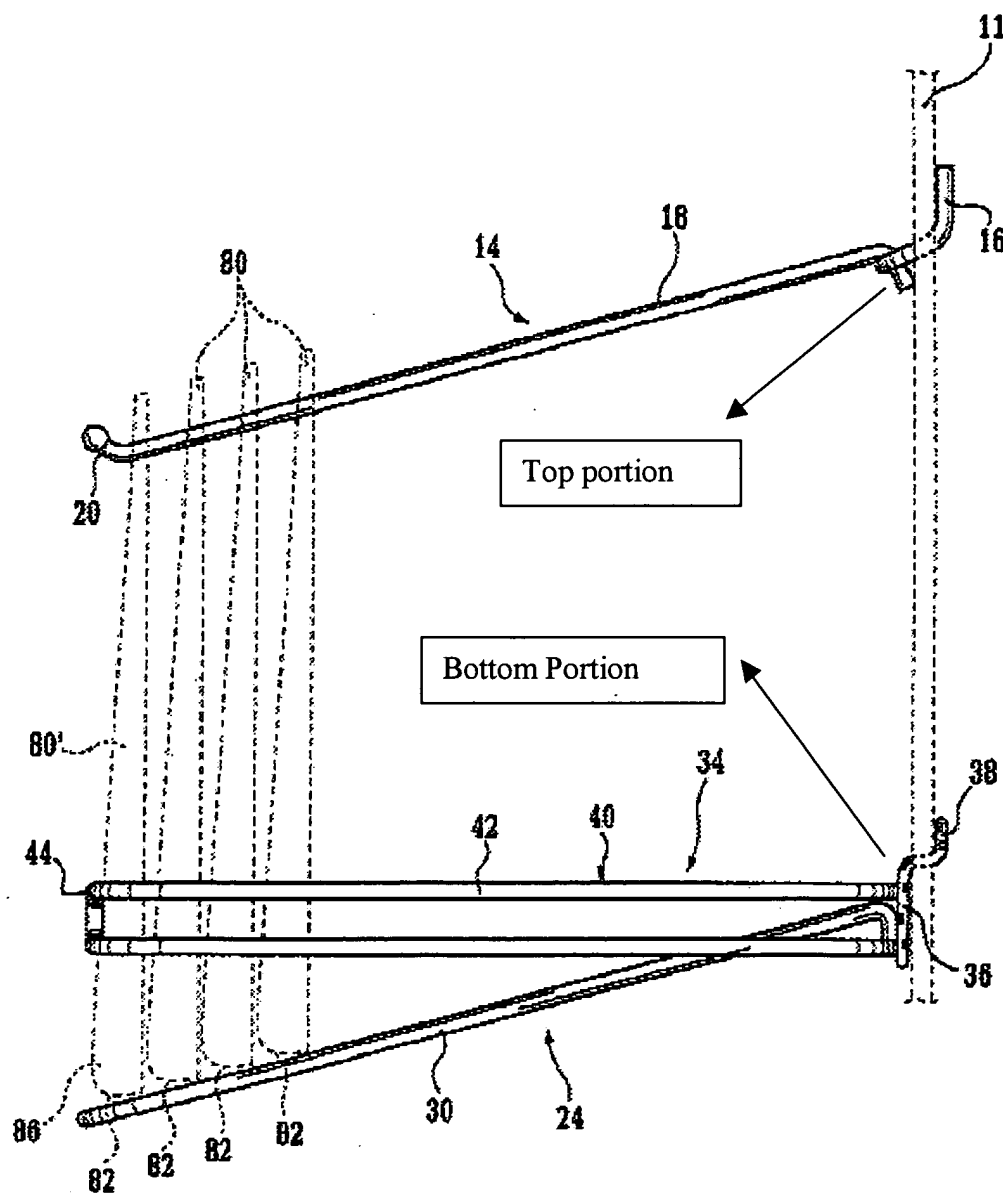
6. Claims 13 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mattesky (U.S. 2002/0113183).

Mattesky teaches the limitation except : the angled portion is connected to the straight portion through an intermediate portion, and wherein the intermediate portion is connected to the straight portion at about a ninety degree angle; and the straight portion is connected to a first plate.

Mattesky teaches an intermediate portion in the pegboard hook shown at **bottom portion** of the Fig. 3, and wherein the intermediate portion is connected to the straight portion at about a ninety degree angle; and the straight portion is connected to a first plate (36).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the pegboard hook (top portion of Fig. 3) by adding the features of intermediate portion and the plate of the pegboard hook shown at **bottom portion** of Fig. 3, so as to attach the hook to the pegboard more firmly.

**FIG. 3**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John C. Hong whose telephone number is 571-272-4529. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(07:00-16:30)First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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